



## TOWN OF LOS GATOS

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CIVIC CENTER  
110 E. MAIN STREET  
P.O. BOX 949  
LOS GATOS, CA 95031



Dear Garage Sale Participant:

Thank you for participating in the Community Garage Sale. By selling or donating your discards, you are diverting waste from the landfill and helping to meet state and community environmental objectives.

Enclosed is your garage sale kit, which includes:

- ◆ Frequently Ask Questions
- ◆ How to Organize Your Garage Sale Tips
- ◆ Reuse and Resale Resources in Los Gatos & Vicinity list
- ◆ Goodwill Truck/Trailer Locations and Items they will Accept
- ◆ Wish List brochure

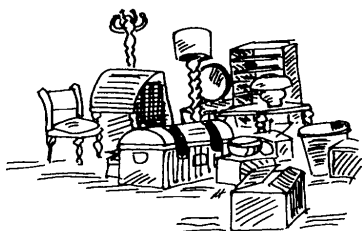
Your sale location will be marked on a map published in the Los Gatos Weekly Times on May 10. The Shoppers Guide/Map, which lists garage sale addresses, cross streets, and items for sale, will be available at the following sites by May 10: Los Gatos Town Hall, including, the Library and Neighborhood Center, Monte Sereno City Hall, Los Gatos Safeway stores, Los Gatos 7-11 stores, the Los Gatos Whole Foods Market, and Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Company. The list of addresses will also be available on the Town of Los Gatos website at **[www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale](http://www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale)**. The event will also be advertised in the Mercury News, Penny Saver, Los Gatos Daily News, and Bay Area radio stations.

Please refer to the Reuse and Resale Resource list if you would like to donate your unsold items after your sale. Many of the nonprofit organizations will only accept recyclable, reusable, and resalable items. Please refer to the nonprofit websites for what they will and will not accept. You can always contact the Recycling Hotline 1-800-533-8414 or 408 924-5453 **[www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org)** or you can check out Freecycle Network **[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)**, which is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away.

If you have any questions about this program please call me at (408) 399-5796, or send an email to: [ltacke@losgatosca.gov](mailto:ltacke@losgatosca.gov).

Sincerely,

Lauren Mende Tacké  
Recycling Coordinator



# Los Gatos & Monte Sereno Community- Wide Garage Sale

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

**Q. How do I register?**

A. On-line registration is now available on this website: [www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale](http://www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale). You can also obtain a registration form, by printing the form from this website. To request that an application be mailed to you call (408) 399-5796, and leave your name and address. Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the Town. Fax to: (408) 395-8640, or mail to:

Town of Los Gatos  
Community Services Department  
P.O. Box 949  
Los Gatos, CA 95031

**Q. Can I submit my registration form online?**

A. On-line registration is now available on this website go to:  
[www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale](http://www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale)

**Q. What is the deadline to submit a registration form?**

A. The deadline to submit a registration form is May 18, 2006.

**Q. Why register my sale?**

A. All registered sales will receive free advertising, plus a handy "Garage Sale Kit" that explains how to hold a successful event and tips on ways to donate those items left over at the end of the day.

**Q. After I register, how long will it take before I receive my Garage Sale Kit?**

A. Garage Sale Kits are online at [www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale](http://www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale), click on "Garage Sale Kit", and print the pdf documents. If you do not have internet access, please indicate it on the Registration Form, and the kit will be sent to you within one week of your registration.

**Q. Where will the Garage Sale be held?**

A. The Community-Wide Garage Sale consists of individual garage sales held at the homes of the residents who completed registration forms.

**Q. How long is the Garage Sale?**

A. Garage Sale participants are asked to hold their garage sales from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m on June 3, 2006. If you are a buyer we recommend going out before 12 noon, we anticipate lots of shoppers out that day.

**Q. Can surrounding unincorporated areas of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno participate in the event?**

A. Yes, residents of unincorporated areas of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno are encouraged to participate.

**Q. When and where will the Garage Sale Maps be available?**

A. The Garage Sale Map and list of addresses will be available on Tuesday, May 30th at the following locations: Los Gatos Town Hall, Library, and Neighborhood Center; Monte Sereno City Hall, Los Gatos 7-11 stores, Los Gatos Safeway Stores, Los Gatos Whole Foods Market, and Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Company.

**Q. What can I do with unsold items left over from my garage sale?**

A. You can pack them up and save them for another sale or you can donate them! There are many charitable organizations that would be happy to accept your donation. Plus, such donations are generally tax-deductible. A list of reuse and resale resources is available from the Town. You can also view the list on our website at **[www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale](http://www.losgatosca.gov/communitygaragesale)**. You can also view the Center for Department of Recycling website **[www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org)**. If you do not have internet access, a list will be mailed to you. Please indicate if you do not have internet access on your registration form, and a list will be mailed to you.



# Garage Sale Tips

- ✓ *What to sell.*
- ✓ *Setting up your garage sale.*
- ✓ *Supplies needed.*
- ✓ *Pricing merchandise.*
- ✓ *After the sale.*
- ✓ *What to do after the sale.*

## *What to Sell*

- ▶ Antiques and memorabilia.
- ▶ Furniture, chests of drawers, bookcases, and tables are very successful sale items.
- ▶ Appliances, tools, and garden equipment labeled "working" or "needs repair."
- ▶ Clothing (should be clean, easy to see, and preferably on hangers). Label sizes.
- ▶ Baby clothes, toys, and games.
- ▶ Plants, sports equipment, pet accessories.



## *Setting up your sale*

- ▶ Start planning two or three weeks ahead of time. Use this opportunity to clean out your garage, closets, and attic. Don't wait until the last minute!
- ▶ Clean sale items. Soap, water, and a little elbow grease can really improve the appearance and value of your items.
- ▶ Make it easy for shoppers to find your great deals: create attractive displays, hang clothing on racks organized by size, group merchandise by price ("everything in this basket \$1"), or by function (garden supplies, kitchen supplies, etc.).
- ▶ Call attention to your garage sale: place an unusual or especially interesting item in a high visibility area, advertise "free lemonade with purchase," or do whatever you can do to distinguish your sale from others.
- ▶ Rope off an area, or put up a "Not for Sale" sign on those things you want to keep.
- ▶ Set up a "freebies" box for items you wish to give away.
- ▶ Consider offering, "Buy one, get one free" deals.
- ▶ Be prepared for early shoppers.



## *Supplies Needed*

- ▶ Stickers to price items.
- ▶ Tape measure. Customers may need to know the exact dimensions of an item (especially furniture).
- ▶ Extension cord. Customers may want to test electrical appliances.
- ▶ Calculator to total up purchases.
- ▶ Grocery bags and newspaper to bag and wrap fragile items you sell.

### ***Pricing your Merchandise:***

- ▶ As a general rule, start pricing at 20-25% of retail for items that are in good shape.
- ▶ Group items by price and type (e.g., a clothing rack organized by color with items selling for \$1, \$5, \$10, etc.).
- ▶ If you are participating in a group sale, inventory and mark items using color coded stickers so that profits go to the right person.
- ▶ Prepare to discount and negotiate prices.
- ▶ Advertise "cash only" if that is your preference.
- ▶ Have plenty of change for sale day. Most people come with \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills.
- ▶ Price your items lower to free by the end of the day to reduce leftover unsold items.

### ***Using Garage Sale signs:***

- ▶ The Town of Los Gatos municipal code prohibits garage sale signs from being placed on any public property, such as telephone poles, traffic lights, and Town signs.



### ***After Your Sale:***

- ▶ Remove all posted signs.
- ▶ Donate (drop off or request pick-up when possible) unwanted, leftover sale merchandise to a reuse organization (see Reuse & Resale Resources list).

### ***Other ideas:***

- ▶ Consider holding a group sale with friends or family. Share the work and have fun!
- ▶ Give kids a chance to have their own table and responsibility for pricing and selling their merchandise.
- ▶ Get out that radio! Listening to music makes shopping and selling more relaxing.



# Have Fun!



# Reuse and Resale Resources in Los Gatos & Vicinity

**Someone, Somewhere, Wants your "Stuff"**

Donating useable items to organizations keep items out of the landfill while fulfilling the needs of others.



If you have items that are **USEABLE, WORKING, AND UNSTAINED**, please call these organizations and groups for details.



There are also many other reuse and resale resources available in the area which are not listed below. Please contact the Santa Clara County Recycling Hotline, provided by the Center for the Development of Recycling, at 1-800-533-8414, 408-924-5453 or [www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org) or [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org) for further information.

Name & Telephone #	Drop off Locations	Clothes	Eyeglasses	Furniture	Small	Small house-hold items	Electronics	Comments / Hours
American Cancer Society Discovery Shop 408-354-5917		X		X	X	X	X	10-5 Mon-Sat drop-off during operating hours. Upscale clothing, furniture, antiques, small appliances.
Happy Dragon 408-354-4072	245 W. Main Street	X	X		X	X		10-4 Mon-Fri 10-1 Sat Most items <i>no large furniture no computers &amp; baby furniture</i> drop-of.
Freecycle Los Gatos <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/los_gatos_freecycle/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/los_gatos_freecycle/</a>	Not available See website for details	X	X	X	X	X	X	Use the power of the Internet to give to others. Or, sign up to view/get free stuff. Post items that you want to give away. No trades or sales accepted. No fee.
UPS Store 408-356-9194	15466 Los Gatos Blvd.							9-6 Mon-Fri 10-2 Sat Bubble wrap, polystyrene peanuts, drop-off
Toner Products Ltd. 408-356-7240	16492 Los Gatos Blvd						X	9-2:00 Mon-Thurs drop-off, pick-up, buy-back (certain models) <i>repair printers &amp; fax machines</i> Toner cartridge refills, FAX cartridges, ribbons, ink jet cartridges
Los Gatos Senior Center 354-1514 <a href="http://www.losgatosca.gov">www.losgatosca.gov</a>			X					9:00 - 12:00 Mon - Fri Drop - off eyeglasses and cases for Los Gatos Lions Club - Lions In Sight
<b>Outside Los Gatos</b>								
ASL CRT Recycling 468-0230 <a href="http://www.aslsemi.com">www.aslsemi.com</a>	524 Brennan Street San Jose						X	9:00 - 4:00 Mon - Fri ASL is an authorized California CRT Collector and Recycler Accepts televisions, computers, monitors Free pick up service for large items, and large quantities. Free drop off
Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley 408-556-0600	1101 S Winchester Blvd San Jose							8:30-5 Mon-Thurs 8:30-4 Fri Automobiles Only! call for details.
Resource Area for Teachers (408) 451-1420 <a href="http://www.raft.net">www.raft.net</a>	1355 Ridder Park Drive San Jose					X	X	9:30-4:30 Mon - Fri 9:30-1:00 Drop-off only. Accepts arts and craft supplies, books, magnets, working computers and equipment 17" or larger, office items/furniture.

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City Team Family Outreach 408-293-4657	1297 North 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose	X		X	X	X	X	900-4:00 Tues-Sat Call for pick-up, Drop-off Clothes, eyeglasses, furniture, small appliances & household items, computers
Computer Recycling Center 408-327-1800 <a href="http://www.crc.org">www.crc.org</a>	2971 Mead Ave. Santa Clara						X	10-2 Tues-Fri 10-12 (drop off hours) Sat ,All computers, monitors, printers, and accessories ( <i>working or not, packaged software</i> ). Will accept copy machines, phones etc. Call for fees.
Echo Shop of St. Andrews Church 408-867-3995	14477 Big Basin, Saratoga	X	X	X	X	X	X	10-4 Tues-Fri 10-3 Sat Most items <i>no large household items</i> drop-off
HOPE Rehabilitation 408-748-2874 <a href="http://www.hopeservices.org">www.hopeservices.org</a>	4351 Lafayette St. SC also Truck is parked on Parkmoor Ave (Food for Less Shopping Ct. btw. Meridian & Bascom)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Drop off hours: 7:30-4:00 Mon-Fri Call for home pick-up Clothing, small appliances. & household items, books, computers , No large furniture & appliances.
Goodwill of S.C.C. 408-374-0682 <a href="http://www.goodwillsanjose.com">www.goodwillsanjose.com</a> For home pick up: 1-888 4goodwill	60 S. San Tomas Aquino Camp.(Trailer drop-off Lark & Winchester, Safeway @ Union & Los Gatos/ Almaden Rd) Smaller Items	X		X	X	X	X	Drop Off: Store Hours: Mon -Sat 9-5 ; Sun 11- 5, Store Hours: Mon-Thur 9-7 Trailer/Truck 9-5 Mon - Sun Most items in good condition, <i>except large appliances, mattress &amp; box spring, office furniture</i> , and television. ( <i>working computers only</i> ).
Salvation Army 1-800 958-7825 <a href="http://www.salvationthrift.com">www.salvationthrift.com</a>	1789 Hillsdale @ Ross. San Jose, 14900 Camden @ Union (Trailer)	X	X	X	X	X	X	10:00-6:00 Mon-Fri , 9:00-6:00 Sat. Home pick-up of large items: Call for home pick up: 1-800-958-7825 Most items, computers ( <i>working only</i> ) Mattresses O.K. (No built- ins, carpets, waterbeds, or metal desks) Accepts working cars only.
Saint Vincent De Paul 408-993-9502	2040 South. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose	X	X	X	X	X	X	10:00-5:00 Mon-Fri 10:00-4:30 Sat/Sun Home pick-up 408-993-9500 Clothes, Furniture, small appliances. No king- size furniture. Appliances must be in working order no more than 5 years old. No computers.
Central Wholesale Nursery 408-280-1131	1670 McKinley @ Leigh & Southwest							7:30-4:30 Mon-Fri 7:30-3:00 Sat. Drop-off Accepts 1, 5, 15 gallon pots and flats, four inch pots, cell pak trays, and jumbo packs
PARCA 1-877-99PARCA	875 Main Street Redwood City	X	X	X	X	X	X	Mon-Thurs 8:30-5, Fri 8:30-4 Call to schedule a donation. Then, place your bags or boxes curbside by 8:00 AM. They will be there by 5:00 PM. Also interested in car, van, truck, RV, boat, and motorcycle donations.
Valley Recycling (408) 297-5352	1615 - B 7 <sup>th</sup> Street San Jose					X		Mon-Fri 6-5, Sat 8-2 Accepts metal appliances, metal., clean wood, roofing and concrete. Min \$40 fee.

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### Art Docents of Los Gatos

- Frances Barnes ~ 335-2366
- Electric pencil sharpeners, 1 bookcase

### Assistance League of Los Gatos-Saratoga

- Shirley Johnson ~ 867-2181
- Children's books, school and craft supplies
  - Tax deductible donations for warm jackets, shoe vouchers and elementary school camp scholarships
  - Volunteers to work with seniors and children

### Catholic Charities Ombudsman Program

- 944-0567
- Portable slide projector & projector cart
  - Television, VCR

### EMQ Children & Family Services

- Darren DeMonsi ~ 437-8358 ~ ddemonsi@emq.org
- Children's toys (new)
  - Passes to museums or amusement parks
  - Gently used computer equipment for families
  - Clothing and grocery store certificates
  - New towels / twin size bedding
  - Gift Certificates to McDonalds, Jamba Juice, movies

### EHC LifeBuilders

- Sister Ginny Pfluger ~ 294-2100 x220  
gpfluger@ehclifebuilders.org
- Services: car repair, dental work, haircuts, etc.
  - Bus tokens
  - Towels, personal hygiene supplies, razors, deodorant
  - Gift certificates: food, dept. stores, recreation
  - Volunteers

### HOPE Rehabilitation Services

- Eileen Lehal ~ 748-2862
- Miscellaneous arts & crafts supplies, gift certificates to local nurseries for garden supplies
  - Bingo prizes for Senior Bingo
  - New carpet for lobby & offices.
  - 75 chairs for clients.

### Hospice of the Valley

- Jeanne Wun ~ 947-1233 ~ jwun@hospicevalley.org
- Baby monitors
  - Modeling clay for children's group
  - Folding tables & stackable chairs
  - Medicine boxes - 7 days a week/4 doses

- Black lateral 2 drawer filing cabinets (2)
- ShowMax Self-packing display system (4)
- Laptop & desktop computers (new or gently used)

### InnVision

- Autumn Gutierrez ~ 292-4286 ~  
autumnq@innvision.org
- Digital camera (simple to use)
  - Holiday decorations: garland, lights, wreaths, stockings (good working condition)

### Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

- Mindy Berkowitz ~ 556-0600 ~ mindyb@jfssv.org
- Vehicles
  - Furniture and household items in good shape
  - New toiletries
  - New "comfort items" for seniors (slippers, blankets, etc.)

### Live Oak Adult Day Services

- Mary Kelley ~ 354-4782 ~ lgliveoak@hotmail.com
- Bingo prizes, games (large print)
  - Refill cartridges for a lamination machine
  - Volunteer Entertainment
  - 4 new light-weight tables

### St Luke's Pantry

- Jo Greiner ~ 354-1010
- Jackets, sleeping bags, small tents

### Live Oak Senior Nutrition Services

- Deborah Kranefuss ~ 354-0707
- Bingo prizes. Misc items: used tennis balls, unused hotel toiletries, wrapping paper
  - Volunteer entertainment
  - Eating utensils (soup spoons, butter knives, forks, teaspoons)
  - Decorative/holiday paper napkins
  - All occasion greeting cards
  - Small lap Quilts in good condition

### Los Gatos Community Foundation

- Jane Goldbach ~ 356-0085
- Volunteers
  - Tax deductible donations accepted

### Los Gatos Friends of the Library

399-5700

- New library furniture: arm chairs & tables
- New & used Books

### Los Gatos Museum Association

- Laura Bajuk ~ 395-7375 ~ Fax 395-7386
- Volunteers
  - Office furniture, metal shelving

### Los Gatos Parks and Public Works

- Adopt a Bench, Tree, and Planter ~ 399-5770
- Trees, donation of \$50 - \$500
  - Benches, donation of \$700 - \$1200 (Includes cost of bench, installation, and maintenance)

### Los Gatos Police Foundation

- 354-6840
- Computers
  - Storage shed; 8"x10" or 8"x12"
  - Cash Donations

### Los Gatos Senior Center / Senior Program

- Linda Gallo ~ 354-1514 ~ lgallo@losgatosca.gov
- Coffee supplies
  - Volunteers (typing and telephones)
  - Working laptops with AC adapter, chargers, and modem

### Los Gatos Neighborhood Center

- Linda Gallo ~ 354-1514 ~ lgallo@losgatosca.gov
- Upholstered chairs with arms (6)
  - Microwave, toaster oven
  - Paper Shredder

### Next Door Solutions

- Ellen Scheetz ~ 501-7550  
escheetz@nextdoor.org
- Vacuum, DVD players
  - 2 love seats (prefer matching set)
  - Old cell phones
  - Used vehicles
  - child car seats (new or used)
  - Volunteer contractors - kitchen cabinets